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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6827**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1762

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 10, 2007

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Permits for work on certain ditches and drains.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Friend

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**    **GENERAL**  
                          **X DEDICATED**  
                          **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill provides that a person is not required to obtain a permit from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) before making or repairing a drain or ditch from which water empties into a lake.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2007.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:** Under the "Ditch Act" (IC 14-26-5), the DNR Division of Water processed 9 applications in 2005, and 3 or 4 of those were on inlets to public freshwater lakes. The application fee is \$25, and the revenue is deposited into the dedicated Lake and Water Resources Fund. The proposal will result in less revenue being deposited in the fund. Based on prior years, the impact is not expected to be significant.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** DNR.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** DNR.

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